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FOR MYERSON FROM MATTESON

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1. USUN SHOULD MAKE THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE APPROACH
TO WEO MEMBERS TO PRESENT AT ECOSOC A CHOSEN SLATE OF
CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

2. GIVEN THE DEBACLE DURING LAST YEAR'S ELECTION, IT
WOULD BE TOTALLY AGAINST OUR INTERESTS TO SUBMIT TO A
POPULARITY CONTEST IN ECOSOC. ADOPTION BY THE 31ST GA
OF RESOLUTION CALLING FOR STUDY OF THE VETO POWER IS
FURTHER ARGUMENT AGAINST HAVING PERMANENT MEMBERS SUBMIT
TO OPEN ELECTIONS. I SUGGEST SUPPORT AS A MATTER OF
PRINCIPLE FOR THE CANDIDACY OF FRANCE. IF NECESSARY,
WE COULD SUGGEST THAT THE WEO GROUP SORT OUT CANDIDACIES FOR
THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS. IN MY VIEW, THIS IS AN ARUGMENT
BETWEEN THE EC-9 WHO WANT AT THE SAME TIME TO HAVE A
COMMON POSITION BUT MULTIPLE REPRESENTATION ON THE
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COMMISSION, THE NORDICS WHO HAVE FELT THAT THEY WERE
UNDER-REPRESENTED, AUSTRIA WHICH IS CLAIMING A PERMANENT
"NEUTRAL" SEAT AND OTHER SUB-GROUPS OF WEO. THE
PROPOSED CANDIDACY OF AUSTRALIA IS ALSO A SERIOUS
CHALLENGE TO THE PERMANENT MEMBERS. GIVEN THEIR VOTING
RECORD IN ECOSOC, THEY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY WIN OUT IN
ANY POPULARITY CONTEST OVER THE US, FRANCE OR UK. CATTO

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